



**US Army Corps
of Engineers** ®
San Francisco District

Project Map

INDIAN ISLAND, SECTION 14
HUMBOLDT COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS: 1ST District, Rep. Mike Thompson

STUDY DESCRIPTION: Indian Island is situated in Humboldt Bay, near Eureka, Humboldt County, California. A major Native American settlement, Tolowat, once inhabited by the Wiyot Tribe, exists on the northeastern portion of Indian Island and is marked by an extensive archeological deposit, which is listed by the National Park Service as a National Historic Landmark. The cultural resources have been subject to erosion, as documented in print and photographs. Storm weather conditions have eroded approximately 150 linear feet of the site, exposing significant cultural materials and human burials. In response, the Wiyot Tribe, requested the Corps to initiate a Section 14 project to control the erosion and loss of archeological resources.

FISCAL YEAR 03 BUDGET: \$0

POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS: The following alternatives are being considered for stopping the erosion problem: (1) no action, (2) relocation of the archeological deposit, (3) placement of Geotextile Mattresses, (4) a Gabion retaining wall, or (5) a rock filled geo grid

PRESENT STATUS: A Planning Design Analysis (PDA) report is currently being conducted.

FUTURE EFFORTS: Upon completion and approval of the PDA, scheduled for June of 2002, construction funds will be sought for construction in August of 2002.

